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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 *et seq.*, Applicants respectfully bring the following documents, listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the materials cited and indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing the enclosed PTO-1449 and including a copy of the initialed form in the next official communication.

Copies of the cited/listed non-U.S. patent documents are included herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the documents are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which Applicants are aware. Applicants became aware of the documents cited herein through

the prosecution of previous patent applications before the USPTO and abroad, and through extensive litigation in the floor panel industry, including, for example, *Alloc, Inc. v. International Trade Commission*, 342 F.3d 1361, 68 U.S.P.Q. 1161 (Fed. Cir. 2003). Accordingly, these documents are being submitted pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and to assist the Examiner in performing the most effective examination process.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with a request for reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. Should the Examiner consider these documents at this stage of prosecution, or should prosecution be re-opened, Applicants authorize the amount of \$180.00 to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089 to ensure consideration of the enclosed documents under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Please charge any additional fees necessary for consideration of the papers filed herein and refund excess payments to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas GRAFENAUER

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